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A copy of the listed non-patent literature document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued by the International Bureau of WIPO on June 22, 2006, which lists and discusses three (3) Japanese documents and one (1) German patent document. Applicant notes that the listed Japanese and German documents were previously submitted to the Patent Office with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 10, 2006, and further copies are not provided herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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